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UK Shipping to Cuba

Reference: Embassy's A-652, September 27, 1962

FOREIGN OFFICE COCOM DESK OFFICER (FIELDING) INFORMED EDO TODAY THAT MIN/TRANSPORT MARPLES'S LETTER SEPTEMBER 13 ADVISING UK SHIPPERS NOT TO CARRY ARMS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO CUBA DID NOT CONTAIN ENCLUSIVE COCOM LISTS BUT AN EXPLANATORY NOTE SETTING FORTH EXAMPLES OF KINDS OF GOODS IN QUESTION. EXPLANATORY NOTE REFERRED TO GROUPS 1 (AIRCRAFT, ARMS, MILITARY STORES AND APPLIANCES) AND 3 (ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC AND SCIENTIFIC APPLIANCES) OF STRATEGIC GOODS (CONTROL) ORDER, 1961, AND ADVISED SHIPPERS TO CONSULT MIN/TRANSPORT IF QUESTIONS AROSE.

WHEN ASKED WHY NO REFERENCE MADE IN LETTER TO GROUP 2 (ATOMIC ENERGY, MATERIAL AND APPLIANCES), FIELDING SAID SOVIETS OF COURSE WOULD NOT ALLOW BRITISH SHIPS TO CARRY SUCH GOODS.

FIELDING ADDED FOREIGN OFFICE WAS INSTRUMENTAL AT INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEETING IN PERSUADING RELUCTANT MIN/TRANSPORT TO SEND SEPT 13 LETTER TO SHIPPERS.

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